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SUBJEIT: REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY: RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT LAST EVENING CARRIED
SHUFFLE OF SOME MINISTERIAL POSITIONS, ASSIGNMENT OF
SENIOR MILITARY POSITIONS, AND MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL
OF NATIONAL UNION. MOST NOTEWORTHY ITEMS WERE
COMPLETE DOMINANCE OF MALLOUM FACTION I MILITARY
FIELD, AND ASSIGNMENT OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER
KAMOUGUE AS COMMANDER F GENDARMERIE. THIS SEEMS
TO BE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THA MALLOU, WITH
STRONG PERSONAL POSITION AND MILITARY BACKING, CAN
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AFFORD TO GIVE HABRE WIDER LATITUDE IN TRYING TO
WORK OUT POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF CHAD. THIS SEEMS TO
BE HIS INTENTION AND, COMBINED WITH REBEL DISSENSION,
AUGURS WELL FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IN LONGER RUN,
DIVISIONS WITHIN CHAD WILL NOT HEAL OVERNIGHT AND
WILL REQUIRE CONSTANT ATTENTION IF FUTURE OUTBREAKS
OF REBELLION ARE TO BE AVOIDED.

1. MINISTERIAL SHUFFLE: NEW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ONE MINISTERIAL CHANGE: DJEKOUNDADE DJERAGOUSSO REPLACED DIMANCHE BERAMGOTO AS MINISTER FOR CIVIL SERVICE. IN ADDITION, TWO SECRETARIES OF STATE SWITCHED RESPONSIBILITIES, WITH HISSEIN ALKHALI TAKING OVER FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HISSEIN KOTI HOVING FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO AGRICULTURE. APPOINTMENT OF KOTI (A SECOND YEAR STUDENT AT NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC DECISION.

2. WITH SWEARING IN OF FIRST NEW MINISTER OF SEPT 4 AND BEGINNING OF CHANGES WITHIN MINISTRIES TO ACHIEVE ALTERNATING NORTH/SOUTH MEMBERSHIP, GRUMBLING AMONG SOUTHERNERS AND DISPLACED BUREAUCRATS IS MOUNTING, BUT FOR THE MOMENT CAN BE DISMISSED AS SOUR GRAPES. HOWEVER, IN LONG RUN, IT IS SYMPTOMATIC OF DEEP DIVISIONS WITHIN CHAD. DEPTH AND REGIONALISM OF SUCH DIVISIONS WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY COMPLAINT OF DELEGATION FROM PREFECTURE OF LOGONE OCCIDENTAL THAT ITS PRIMARY TRIBE, SARA NGAHBAYE, HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY PORTFOLIOS. DELEGATION WAS NOT SATISFIED BY PRIME MINISTER HABRE'S RESPONSE THAT THREE PORTFOLIOS HAD GONE TO MEMBER OF SARA NGAMBAYE. DELEGATION STATED THESE MEN CAME FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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NEIGHBORING PROVINCE OF LOGONE ORIENTALE. HABRE'S APPOINTMENT OF DJERAGOUSSO TO REPLACE BERAMGOTO BOWED TO THIS LOCAL PRESSURE.

3. MILITARY APPOINTMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED OF LT COL ADOUM NGUEMOUROA AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES (FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF), LT COL RODAI BATINDA AS COMMANDER OF ARMY (FORMER LOGISTIC BATTALION COMMANDER), LT COL WADAL ABDELUADER KAMOUQUE AS COMMANDER OF GENDARMES (FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER), MAJOR WAWA DAHIB ZAKARIA AS COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE (FORMER MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS), AND MAJOR MBAINDOLOUHAL ROASNGAR AS DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE (FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE). THESE APPOINTMENTS SOLIDIFY SOUTHERN CONTROL OF MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT, BUT PARADOXICALLY SHOULD PROVIDE STABLE BASE FOR HABRE GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE. PRES MALLTUM, WITH STRONG PERSONAL POSITION, SUPPORT OF IMPORTANT MODERATE MINISTERS IN FOREIGN OFFICE AND DEFENSE, AND BACKING OF SOLIDIFIED SOUTHERN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT, CAN AFFORD TO GIVE HISSEIN HABRE WIDE LATITUDE IN SEEKING POLITICAL DECISIONS TO

UNIFY COUNTRY. ALL INDICATIONS TO DATE ARE THAT HE INTENDS TO DO SO. RIVARLY OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE AND HISEN HABRE SHOULD BE TEMPORARILY ASSUAGED BY HARBRE'S RECOGNITION OF KAMOUGUES IMPORTANCE, ALTHOUGH AMBITIONS AND ABILITY OF KAMOUGUE WILL REMAIN FUTURE PROBLEMS. (IN THIS CONNECTION, ZAIRIANAMBASSADOR, WHO IS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF SEVERAL FORMER CSM MEMBERS, TOLD ME ALL OF THEM WERE UNHAPPY OVER DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT IF THEY COULD.) FRENCH AMBASSADOR BELIEVES MALLOUMS PRESENT POSITION IS STRONGER THAN IT WAS UNDER CSM, WHEN HE WAS ONLY FIRST AMONG EQUALS. NEW GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO HIM, IS ALSO POPULAR IN
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HINTERLAND AND WITH YOUTH GROUPS. AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS TAKEN POSITIVE LINE IN CONSIDERING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NEW GOVERNMENT IN WHICH MOSLEM, NON-SOUTHERNERS PREDOMINATE (BIO DETAILS OF NEW MINSTERS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM).

4. SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF NATIOANL UNION WERE ALSO NAMED. ALMOST ALL ARE POLITICAL UNKNOWNNS, AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF LATER TELEGRAM WHEN WE HAVE MORE DETAILS. BRADFORD

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